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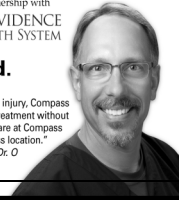
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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Life can be difficult at times and we all need prayer. If you wish to place someone on the prayer list, please contact Frances Stewart at 251-300-7840 or memefrances@yahoo.com or Mary in the parish office. The only thing we ask of you is to please let us know if this person has either recovered, died or is no longer in need of further prayer.



**THE FRASSATI SOCIETY OF MOBILE** is a new young adults group (20's and 30's) that has been approved by Archbishop Rodi. The Society has four pillars: fellowship, spiritual formation, service, and recreation. The monthly "Frassati Nights" will be an opportunity for faith formation and fellowship with others. They meet the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Little Sisters of the Poor. Visit our website at www.frassatimobile.com for more information!



**LINE DANCING** is every Monday in Jennings Hall. Classes are from 6:30-8 pm. The cost is \$4 per person. Come join the fun!!



**MEMORIAL BRICKS:** We are ready to start a new section. If you have been thinking about ordering a brick for a friend or a loved one; you will find the forms on the table in the back of the church. Price is \$40 each or 3 for \$100. What a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or a friend. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Judy Pukac at 633-6762 ext 203.



**WHEN REGISTERING IN THE HOSPITAL, REHAB OR NURSING HOME,** please let them know you are Catholic and are a member of Our Savior Church, also contact the parish office with the name of the facility and room number. If you enter through the ER and are admitted into the hospital please inform them of your church affiliation.



**TAI CHI CLASS** meets here every Monday at 10am in Jennings Hall. It is a low-impact; slow-motion exercise that is often described as "meditation in motion". Everyone is invited.



**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** is an act of love. We need volunteers especially for the 1:00-2:00 pm hour on Wednesdays. If you can help, please contact Janet Broderick at janetb8757@hotmail.com.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE** for the months of April through June 2019 has been emailed or mailed to all the ministers. If you have not received the new schedule, please contact the parish office with your correct email or mailing address.

## STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor  
Father Jose Mesa, S.J.  
Deacon Charles Kenny (retired)  
Deacon Norman Gale  
Deacon Jay Boyd  
Deacon Francis Tran  
Jan Murray, Religious Ed  
Tina Lyons, Youth Minister  
Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care  
Juan Jose Gutierrez, Music Minister  
Mary Marks, Office Manager  
Judy Pukac, Accountant  
Kim McDowell, Maintenance  
Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturday Mass:** 5 pm  
**Sunday Masses:** 8:30 am & 11 am  
**Spanish Mass:** 7 pm Sunday  
**Weekdays:** 8:30 am Tuesday-Friday  
**Holy Days:** 7 pm Vigil & 8:30 am & 7 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm & by appointment

## CONTACT

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## CHURCH ADDRESS

1801 Cody Rd S, Mobile, AL 36695

**Finance Council:** Greg Carpenter  
**Liturgy:** Fr. David Tokarz  
**Parish Life Activities:** Dolores Hale  
**LAFF:** Mary Anthony  
**Life & Justice:** Ricarda Manning  
**Knights of Columbus:** Mike Perry  
Grand Knight, Council 11366  
**4th Degree, Knights of Columbus:** Joe Behr  
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2918  
**Men of St. Joseph:** Francis Tran  
**St Vincent de Paul:** Christina Richie  
**Parish Council:** A. J. Glassen  
**Sister Parish Com.:** Rhina Gullian-Gomez  
**Boy Scouts:** James Alexander  
**Cub Scouts:** Edward Nehls  
**Widows Web:** Judy Adams

## MOVING OR CHANGING ADDRESS

Please notify the parish office 251-633-6762

## NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are interested in joining our parish family, please fill out a card on the table in the back of the church to the left as you enter or online at [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org)

## SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

**Baptism of infants:** If you are expecting a child or have recently had a child and want to prepare for baptism, please call Amy Walsh (251-605-8870) to schedule a preparation session.

**Confirmation, RCIA, First Eucharist:** Jan Murray  
251-633-6762 x 206 or [re@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:re@oursaviorparish.org)

**Matrimony:** Fr. David (six months before the wedding)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School of Religion grades K4-12 meets Sunday mornings from 9:45 am -10:45 am

## PARISH OFFICE

8 am—4 pm Monday—Thursday & 8 am—3 pm Friday

## OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

**Email:** [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org)  
**Junior:** 6th - 8th grades  
**Senior:** 9th - 12th grades

## PRAYER CHAIN

Frances Stewart 251-300-7840 or  
[meme frances@yahoo.com](mailto:meme frances@yahoo.com)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9 am—6 pm followed by Novena



# OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019



### DOING BATTLE

*"Many try to fly away from temptations only to fall more deeply into them; for you cannot win a battle by mere flight. It is only by patience and humility that you will be strengthened against the enemy. Those who shun them outwardly and do not pull them out by the roots will make no progress; for temptations will soon return to harass them and they will be in a worse state. It is only gradually—with patience and endurance and with God's grace—that you will overcome temptations sooner than by your own efforts and anxieties . . . Gold is tried by fire and the upright person by temptation. Often we do not know what we can do until temptation shows us what we are . . . This is how temptation is: first we have a thought, followed by strong imaginings, then the pleasure and evil emotions, and finally consent. This is how the enemy gains full admittance, because he was not resisted at the outset. The slower we are to resist, the weaker we daily become and the stronger the enemy is against us."*

— Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*

OK—so who was this writer, and why should I bother to quote him? He was a 15<sup>th</sup> century priest who was involved in what was then a new form of spirituality (appropriated called *Devotio Moderna*, or modern-style devotion). *The Imitation of Christ* is either his own work completely or a serious expansion/re-working of a text by the movement's founder. That's all you really need to know, except that this book has been for centuries one of THE most read and most influential of all spiritual writings. As just one example, the book was read, one chapter a day, for all his life, by Pope John XXIII. That's good enough a reason, right there, to quote it!

But to the quote itself, and its fitting into the middle of our Lent—it says much to us (to me, anyway). Particularly, it reminds me that the sooner I deal with a temptation the better (even easier) it is to be overcome. Temptations can become sins in the same way that an unwatched pressure cooker can become a bomb.

It's also true that we never know what we can do until we are faced with the need. In this regard, preparation is crucial, and the disciplines of Lent are all about preparation, after all. In the words of Preface III for Lent, our self-denial has as its ultimate purpose making us people who imitate the Lord in kindness. St Paul suggests a different metaphor: that of the athletes who deny themselves all sorts of things so as to win the prize in the race (I Corinthians 9:24-25). Finally, James (4:7-8) offers the same advice: resist the devil, and he will take flight. Thomas à Kempis here reminds us that the way to overcome temptations (and possible resulting sins) is not to run away from them but to face them from the get-go; to stand "toe-to-toe" with them and defeat them. These are battles we will sometimes win and sometimes lose. But the Sacrament of Reconciliation is there to heal us when we take an "8-count," and to encourage and strengthen us for the next round in the fight (I'm adapting St Paul's additional metaphor in I Corinthians 9 here).

No one wants to be a loser. Too often, though, according to Kempis, we think that in the option of "fight or flight" the only good choice is #2. He and St James assure us that by choosing #1, we will find that the tempter (the "enemy of our human nature," as St Ignatius Loyola—himself influenced by *The Imitation of Christ*--calls him) will soon enough choose #2 himself.

As we begin our parish's Lenten mission this weekend, let's pray for the spiritual strength to be winners! After all, Satan is the great loser already; let's help him keep his title.

Fr. David

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Our Savior parish is a Catholic community, fueled by the Eucharist and infused with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, committed to faith-filled worship, to outreach and welcoming for our brothers and sisters in need, to striving for Christian unity, to pursuing respect for the dignity of all human life, and to building the Kingdom of God on Cody Road and beyond."

Please pray for those who are sick and suffering in our parish, in a special way...

Bill Barber	Michael Dees	Jeb Shell
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Judy Courtney	Ashley Rickel	Bradley Wells
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**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Henry Graveman 3/1/99	Ken Huggins 3/15/13
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Maribelle Weir 3/1/12	George McLean 3/16/07
Walter Bequette 3/1/12	Donald Sacramona 3/16/90
Janice Pocase 3/1/14	Libby Mann 3/17/11
Margaret Kirven 3/2/10	Ted Nameniuk 3/18/08
Ethel Carter 3/3/13	Elizabeth Anderson 3/18/12
Patty McLean 3/3/18	Frank Nash 3/18/17
Russ Masse 3/4/14	Winifred Tohill 3/19/08
Judy Darring 3/4/13	John Baker 3/19/14
Deana Williams 3/5/10	Elaine Villarrubia 3/19/14
Shawn Jacobs 3/4/06	Louise Carlson 3/20/08
Nellie Doyle 3/4/09	Gene Stassi 3/20/14
John M. Broderick 3/5/07	James Rufus Johnson 3/20/17
Frank Stapleton 3/5/12	Juancho Ortiz 3/22/16
Alberta Quina 3/5/12	Lois Jourdan 3/22/14
Edna Street 3/6/07	Robert Gray 3/22/15
Pete Chieplich 3/6/10	Kevin O'Connor 3/23/09
Chester Benson 3/6/10	Joy Heiter O'Rourke 3/23/09
Margaret Roh 3/6/18	Paul Spizuco 3/23/14
Michael Patano 3/7/16	Magdalena Woodniok 3/24/08
Bill Healy 3/7/18	Doc Giesselmann 3/25/14
Annie Hacker 3/8/11	Jim Thomas 3/25/15
Tommy Wilson 3/8/18	Marylyn O'Rourke 3/25/94
Stephen Ellis 3/11/04	Billy Turner 3/25/16
Claude Christianson 3/10/05	Tom Langan 3/26/15
Stephanie Ellis 3/11/04	Myzidia Hyatt 3/29/09
Joseph Smith 3/10/07	Msr Joseph Jennings 3/30/15
Kathleen Jones 3/12/05	Priscilla Renaud 3/31/10
John Hagen 3/12/16	Timothy LaFramboise 3/31/17
Ruth Komrowski 3/13/11	Johnny Reid 3/31/17
Mary Cosci 3/13/17	Christine Johnson 3/31/18
Etta Lee Sciple 3/15/09	

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday** RE (9:45 am)  
Parish Mission (8:30 am & 11:00 am)  
Soup & Sandwich (after 11:00 am Mass)  
Widow's Web (1:00 pm)

**Monday** Tai Chi (10:00 am)  
Line Dancing (7 pm)

**Tuesday** Parish Mission (8:30 am & 7:00 pm)  
Handmade Hugs (1:00 pm)  
Men of St. Joseph (6:00 pm)

**Wednesday** Parish Mission (8:30 am & 7:00 pm)  
Adoration (9:00 am)  
Bible Sharing (9:30 am)  
Holy Hour & Novena (6:15 pm)  
Scouts (6:30 pm)  
Parish Mission (8:30 am & 7:00 pm)  
Reconciliation Service (7:00 pm)

**Thursday** K of C Officer's mtg (7:00 pm)  
Finance Council mtg (6:30 pm)

**Friday** Singing Needles (10:30 am)  
Stations of the Cross (6:00 pm)  
Lenten Dinners



**SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON** will be Sunday, March 24th in Jennings Hall after the 11:00 am Mass. Please make plans to join us.



**PALACE CASINO TRIP** is planned for Sunday, March 31st. Bus leaves church at 12:30pm and returns to church at 7:30pm. Cost is \$20 & Free play is \$15. Sign-up sheet in back of the church.



**FAMILY LIFE BINGO** will be Saturday, April 6th in Jennings Hall. The doors will open at 6:30pm. Adults and Children are invited. We will have a concession stand with hotdogs, drinks, and etc. Come enjoy the **FUN!!**

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday** 5:00 pm: Al & Gerry Pawlowski (d)  
**Sunday** 8:30 am: Michael Durst (d)  
11:00 am: People of the Parish  
**Monday** 8:30 am: Ben Hacker (d)  
**Tuesday** 8:30 am: Jim Crane (d)  
**Wednesday** 8:30 am: Paul Anthony Rose (d)  
**Thursday** 8:30 am: Walter P. Neel, Jr (d)  
**Friday** 8:30 am: Jim & Josephine Licari (d)



**Advertiser of the Week**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS**

**Evangelization: Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities**  
That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sat.** Reading 1: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sun.** Reading 1: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (30C)  
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

**Mon.** Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10  
Reading 2: Hebrews 10:4-10  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

**Tues.** Reading 1: Daniel 3:25, 34-43  
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

**Wed.** Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9  
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19

**Thurs.** Reading 1: Jeremiah 7:23-28  
Gospel: Luke 14:14-23

**Fri.** Reading 1: Hosea 14:2-10  
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



**KNIGHT'S KORNER**



Greetings fellow parishioners,  
We hope everyone is off to a good start on their Lenten journey this year. And of course the Lenten season also means the return of the Knight's fish fry dinners on Fridays. Thanks to everyone for making our first one a huge success with 160 meals sold. By all accounts the food was extremely tasteful and the fellowship demonstrated was even better. Special thanks for the help of the youth group as well as several Saint Vincent DePaul society members with 2 of them displaying extraordinary dishwashing skills. We would also like to recognize Tina Lyons in her efforts to revive another ladies auxiliary group here at Our Savior. The knights also sponsored a meal on February 28th hosted by the archdiocesan vocations director for prospective high school students who may be interested in the priesthood. Until next time, Vivat Jesus

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** We are selling raffle tickets for \$25 each. Please see a knight for tickets or more information. All tickets drawn go back in for the next month's drawing. We have a drawing every month starting with April; so buy your tickets early so you have more chances of winning. Good luck everyone!!



**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES FROM THE HOLY LAND** will be here the weekend of April 6th-7th with their Olive Wood Carvings for sale after all the Masses. This sale maintains the existence of the Catholic people in the Holy Land.



**CHURCH CLEANING** will be **Saturday, April 13th** at 7:30 am. Men, women, and teens are needed to help get the church ready for Easter.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Catholic Relief Services next weekend. Please be generous.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 9,992
Online Giving	\$ 2,584
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 133,269
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 131,466
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	(1,803)
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 80
Building Fund to date	\$ 2,103
Rice Bowl	\$ 45

## NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**Religious education classes** are in session March 24 and 31 and April 7 and 28. There are no classes on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

**RCIA Breaking Open the Word** continues at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 24, March 31, and April 7.

**Congratulations** to our RCIA Elect, Candidates and Confirmand for their participation in the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election and the Rite of Continuing Conversion. It was a full and powerful weekend. Thanks to our RCIA Team for facilitating the retreat, to Tina Lyons for feeding us prior to the retreat, and to the generous and special members of the RCIA Hospitality Committee for providing an abundance of delicious dishes to feed our bodies as well as our spirits before traveling to the Cathedral. Special thanks to Laura Fellrath, Audrey Cline, Christina Richie, Shari Summerson, and Ruth Macnamara who remained on site accepting food, serving, and cleaning up.

I wish our parishioners could hear the comments from our RCIA candidates when they returned from the Cathedral. You would be moved. Please continue to pray for them as their journey winds down heading to the Easter Vigil.

**First Eucharist reminders:** Interviews are April 10 from 4-6:00 p.m. You will receive a reminder of your time. Children, please be working on your banners. Thanks to Jeffrey and Jayden who have already returned theirs.



**PARISH MISSION:** Please come and join us for our Lenten Mission led by Trinitarian Fr Dennis Berry, 23rd-27th March. Fr Berry will preach at 8:30 morning Masses and deliver a more extended message at 7:00 pm in the evenings during the days of 25th -27th March, concluding with a Reconciliation service Wednesday evening, 27th March. Come and be inspired with us! Fr Berry is fluent in Spanish—let your Hispanic friends know that and join us in prayer. Fr Berry's theme: **"Healing—Our Hearts, Our Families, Our Church."**



**MASS Monday, March 25th at 8:30 am** during the parish mission.

**WHAT ABBY JOHNSON SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING - UNPLANNED**, the movie, is coming to Mobile and Spanish Fort. **FREE** pre-release viewing of the movie UNPLANNED will be on Thursday, March 28th, at a local theater. If you are interested, please call Mae Rehm at 251-554-2032. The movie UNPLANNED will be released to the Public on March 29th. According to [unplannedfilm.com](http://unplannedfilm.com) the movie will be shown at AMC Mobile 16 theater, 785 Schillinger Road South in Mobile on Thursday, March 28th - Sunday, March 31st, and at Premiere Cinema 14 Eastern Shore theater, 30500 State Highway 181 in Spanish Fort, times to be announced. Please go to see the movie UNPLANNED so the theaters will keep it longer. UNPLANNED is the true story of the conversion of former Planned Parenthood Clinic Director (former employee of the year) Abby Johnson to become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers ever.



### 2019 MOBILE AUTISM FUNKY FUN RUN

**Location:** Medal of Honor Park

**Date:** Sunday, April 14th

**Time:** Registration 12 pm Run 1pm-3pm

[www.funkyfunrun.com](http://www.funkyfunrun.com)

All proceeds benefit the mission and projects of the Autism Society of Alabama



## YOUTH UPDATES

Our Annual Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Sunday, March 24th - Jennings Hall 12:30  
Please join us in Jennings Hall after the 11 o'clock Mass for our Annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon.  
Stations of The Cross 6 pm & Lenten Dinners begin this Friday, March 8th at 6:30 in Jennings Hall  
Please drop off your dessert to Jennings Hall no later than 6:15. I will need about 4 or 5 youth to help serve & clean up.

### YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, March 30th, we have the opportunity to help out South Alabama Jag-Gals with their Southern Belle Brunch & Bingo. This will be a service project for our confirmation class but will need about 6 extra youth to help us out. We will be serving 126 ladies a sit down brunch. Our job will be to set up the tables, serve the food and clear tables before the bingo starts. The event runs from 9:30 am to about 2 pm. Please let me know if you are interested ASAP. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Permission slips will need to be filled out since this event takes place at the Mobile Carnival Museum.

### UPCOMING EVENTS REMINDERS

March 29th – Stations of the Cross & Lenten Dinners  
March 24th - Soup & Sandwich Thank You Luncheon  
March 30th- Service project with South Alabama – more details to follow

Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth Group 6th-8th grade & High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade. Please bring a snack or drink to share with the group at our gatherings. Please contact Ms. Tina at [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org) or 252-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE - KICK OFF RALLY** is Saturday, March 9th, at 9:45am in the Women's Resource Medical Center parking lot across from the abortion site. At 9am, before the Rally, the Holy Rosary with Monsignor Wall will be recited. Please park in the parking lot behind the empty field behind Planned Parenthood. Come pray, learn **SIDEWALK TRAINING SKILLS**, get Yard signs, and get brochures listing all the places that want to help women, men, and babies in our Gulf Coast area.

**We want to cover the abortion site in prayer from 6am - 6pm** from Ash [Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile) - Palm [Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile). To sign up for vigil hours to pray on the abortion sidewalk, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/mobile](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile). For help, contact Ricarda Manning at 251-343-9204, or [manning\\_r@bellsouth.net](mailto:manning_r@bellsouth.net).



**EASTER LILY MEMORIAL:** Lilies may be donated in the name of a loved one. There is a list and envelopes on the table at the back of the church. Please write your name on the list and complete the information listed on the envelope, then place your donation in the envelope. Please place your envelope in the basket on the table.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be at 6:00 pm every Friday during Lent.



**PARISH LENTEN SUPPER** will follow the Stations of the Cross. The Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious Lenten meal in Jennings Hall. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12. Pizza will be available for children.

**APOLOGETICS PART 2:** Let's Be Catholic Adult Education Lenten Series continues on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome. Sessions will be livestreamed.

- **March 28:** Marriage as sacramental: permanence, openness to life, fidelity
- **April 4:** Priesthood and celibacy
- **April 11:** The history and tragedy of disunity



**PREVIOUSLY BLESSED PALMS** will be collected during the Lenten Season. There will be a basket labeled for collection in the back of the church ending on Palm Sunday, April 14th.